

Anno. xiiii. Regina Elizabethæ.

At the parliament
begunne and holden


at westminster the eight of May,
in the. xiiii. yeere of the raigne of our most
gracious soueraigne Lady Elizabeth,
by the grace of God, of Englande,
Fraunce, and Ireland, Queene,

defendour of the faith, &c.
and there continued un-
till the last of June
folowynge.

To the high pleasure of almighty
God, and the weale publique
of this Realme, were
enacted as fo-
loweth,

1572.

The Table.

- 1  An acte for the punysshment of suche as shall rebelliously take or deteyne, or conspire to take or deteyne from the Queenes Maiestie, any of her Castles, Townes, ffortrelles, Holdes, &c.
- 2 An acte agaynst suche as shall conspyre or practyse the enlargement of anye prisoner committed for hygh treason.
- 3 An acte agaynst the forgyng and counterfeytyng of forraigne coigne, beyng not currant within this Realme.
- 4 An acte to reuue a statute made Anno primo of the Queenes Maiesties raigne, inhibiting the caryng of leather, talow, and rawe hydes out of this Realme.
- 5 An acte for the punysshment of bacaboundes, and for the releefe of the poore and impotent.
- 6 An acte for the explanacion of a statute made agaynst fugitiues ouer the Seas, in the .xiii. yeere of the Queenes Maiesties raigne.
- 7 An acte against the deceptes of vnder Collectours of the tenthes and Subsidies of the Cleargie.
- 8 An acte for the auoydyng of recoueries suffered by collusion by tenants for terme of lyfe, and suche others.
- 9 An acte declaryng that the tenant and defendaunt may haue a tales de circumstantibus, as well as the demaundaunt or plantiffe.
- 10 An acte to refovrne the excessiue length of harslies.
- 11 An acte for the continuation, explanacion, persityng, and enlargyng of diuers statutes.
- 12 An acte for the repeale of a statute made Anno. viii. of the Queenes Maiesties raigne, touchyng the Towne of Shrewesbury.
- 13 An acte for the annering of Beram and Beramshyre to the Countie of Northumberlande.

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☛ An Act for the punishment of suche as shall rebelliously take or deteyne, or conspire to take or deteine from the Queenes Maiestie, any of her Castles, Towres, Fortresses, Holdes, &c.

Chapter.i.



OR the better auoydyng of all suche vnlawefull practises, secrete conspiracies, and deuises, as lately haue been styred and moued by some euyl disposed persons, agaynst our moste gracious Soueraigne Ladye the Queene, in seeking by false conspiracies, and vndue meanes, to surpyse and take from her Maiestie some of her Castles, Towres, Fortresses, Shyppes, Ordinaunces, Artille-

rie, and other munitions of warre: Be it enacted by the Queenes moste excellent Maiestie, with thallent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that if any person or persons whatsoeuer, at anye tyme hereafter doo, within this Realme, or els where, vnlawfully, & of his or theyr owne auctoritie compasse, imagine, conspire, practise, or deuise, by any wayes or meanes, with force, or by any craft, deuice, or sleight, maliciouslye and rebelliously, to take, or deteyne, or keepe from our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queene, any of her Castles, Towres, Fortresses, or Holdes, or maliciously and rebelliously to rase, burne, or destroy any Castle, Bulwarke, or forte, or any parte of them, hauyng any munition or ordinaunce of the Queenes Maiesties therein, or appoynted to be garded with any souldiers for defence thereof within this Realme, or within any of her Maiesties Dominions or countreyes, or the marches of the same, and the same compasses, imaginations, practises, conspiracies, or deuises, or

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any of them, shall, and do advisedly by any expresse wordes speach, acte, deede, or wytyng, expresse, utter, or declare, for any the malicious and rebellious ententes aforesayde, that then euerye suche person and persons, so heareafter offendyng in any the premysse, theyr aydours, counsellours, comforters, consentours, and abettours, knowyng thereof, beyng thereof lawfully conuicted accordyng to the lawes of this Realme, shall be iudged a felon, and felons, and that euerye suche offence shall be iudged to be felonie, and the offendour and offendours therein, theyr sayd aydours, comforters, counsellours, and abettours, beyng thereof lawfully conuicted, shall haue and suffer paynes of death, as in cases of felonie, without hauyng anye benefite of Cleargie or Sanctuarie, and also shall forfeite and loose all his goodes and cattelles, landes, and tenementes, as in other cases of felony hath been vsed and accustomed.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons, doo at any tyme hereafter with force, maliciously and rebelliously deteyne, keepe, or withholde, from the Queenes Maiestie, anye of her Castles, Towres, fortresses, or Holdes, within this Realme, or within any her Maiesties Dominions or Countreyes, or Marches of the same: or doo maliciously, rebelliously, and with force deteyne, keepe, or withholde from her Maiestie, any of her Shyppes, Ordnance, Artillerie, or other munitions, or fortifications of warres, and doo not render & geue by the same to our sayde Soueraigne Lady, or to suche person as her Maiestie shall appoynt to receyue the same to her Maiesties vse, within fyre dayes next after he or they so offendyng, shall be commaunded by our sayd Soueraigne Lady the Queene, by open proclamations vnder the great Seale of Englande, to be made in any place or market Towne within the Countie where anye suche offence shall be committed, or shall wyllfully, maliciously, and rebelliously, burne or destroy, or cause to be burned or destroyed, any of the Queenes Shypps: or maliciously, and rebelliously barre, or cause to be barred any haven within any of the Queenes Maiesties dominions: that then euerye such person and persons so offending, theyr aydours, counsellours, and abettours, beyng therof lawfully conuicted, accordyng to the lawes of this Realme, shall be adiudged traytours, and theyr offences in any the premysse, shall be accepted, iudged, and taken for hygh treason, and the offenders therein, theyr aydours, counsellours, and abettours, being thereof lawfully conuicted according to the lawes of this Realme, shall haue and suffer suche paynes of death, and also shall forfeite and loose,
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as in cases of hygh treason is limited and accustomed. This acte to endure duryng the Queenes Maiesties lyfe that now is, one lyfe.

✠ An Acte agaynst suche as shall conspire or practise the enlargement of any prysoner committed for hygh treason.

Chapter, ii.



Or as much as great daunger
maye ensue to the Queenes Ma-
iesties person, and great trouble
to the state of the Realme, by
vnlawfull conspiracies, deuises,
and imaginations, to enlarge and
set at libertie suche persons, as be,
or shalbe committed to anye pry-
son, garde, or custodie, for any trea-
son, touchyng the royal person of
our sayde Soueraigne Ladye: a-
gaynst whiche deuises, conspira-

cies, and imaginations, sufficient remedie by the lawes of this
Realme, hath not been heretofore had, ne provided, vnlesse the
same conspiracies, imaginations, and deuises, were executed and
brought to effect. Be it therefore enacted by our said Soueraigne
Lady the Queene, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and
the Commons in this Parliament assembled, and by the auctho-
ritie of the same, that yf any person or persons, at any tyme after
the ende of this present session of Parliament, shal imagine, con-
spire, deuise, inuent, or goe about vnlawfully and maliciously, to
enlarge, or set at libertie, any person or persons, committed, or to
be committed to any pryson, garde, or custodie, by her highnesse es-
peciall commaundement, for any treason, or suspition of treason,
concerning the person of our said Soueraigne Lady the Queene,

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before any inditement of suche person so sought or intended to be set at large, or libertie, as is aforesayde, and the same conspiracies, imaginations, deuises, or inuentions, shall by expresse woordes, wytyng, or other matter, or acte, expresse or manifestly, set forth, utter, or declare: that then every person so offending, shall incurre the penaltie and forseynture of myspryson of treason, and that all and euery offence and offences to be committed and doone, as is aforesayde, shall be deemed and taken for myspryson of treason.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that if any person or persons, at any tyme after the end of this present session of Parliament, shall imagine, conspire, deuise, inuent, or go about vnlawfully and maliciously, to enlarge or set at libertie, any person or persons, committed, or to be committed to any pryson, gard, or custodie, beyng, or whiche hereafter shall be indited of any treason, in any wyse concerning the person of our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queene, and the same conspiracies, imaginations, deuises, or inuentions, shall by expresse woordes, wytyng, or other matter, or acte, expresse or manifestly set forth, utter, or declare: that then every suche person so offending, shall be deemed and adiudged a felon, and suffer, loose, and forseynt, as in cases of felonie, by the due course of the lawes of this Realme.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons, at any tyme after the end of this present session of Parliament, shall imagine, conspire, deuise, inuent, or goe about vnlawfully and maliciously to enlarge, or set at libertie any person or persons, beyng committed to any pryson, garde, or custodie, after the same person or persons, is, or shall be attaynted or convicted of any treason, in any wyse concerning the royall person of our sayde Soueraigne Ladie the Queene, and the same conspiracies, imaginations, deuises, or inuentions, shall by expresse woordes, wytyng, matter, or acte, as is aforesaid, set forth, utter, or declare: that then every such person so offending, shall be deemed and adiudged an hygh traytour, and shall suffer, loose, and forseynt, as in cases of hygh treason by the lawes & statutes of this realme. This act to endure during the Queenes Maiesties lyfe that now is, onely.

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An Act against the forging

and counterfeyting of forraigne coyne, be-
ing not currant within this
Realme.

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Orasmuch as by the lawes or
statutes of this Realme, small or
no condigne punishment is at this
time provided, for suche euyl dispo-
sed person3, as shall counterfeyte
or forge suche kynde of golde or sil-
uer of other Realmes, as is not
the proper coyne of this Realme,
nor curraunt in payment within
this Realme: by reason whereof,
diuers euyl disposed person3, as
well without this Realme, as

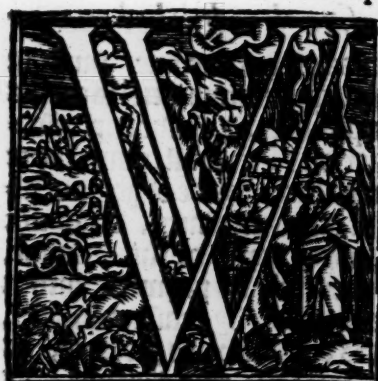
within, are encouraged & boldened dayly to counterfeyte or forge
such kynde of golde and syluer, and vtter the same in this Realme,
in great deceit of her Maiesties subiectes. Be it enacted by our
sayde soueraigne Lady the Queene, the Lordes Spirituall and
Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assem-
bled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that yf any person or per-
sons hereafter falsly forge or counterfayte any such kind of coyne
of golde or syluer, as is not the proper coyne of this Realme, nor
permitted to be curraunt within this realme: that then euery such
offence shalbe deemed and iudged misprision of high treason, and
the offendours therein, they: procurers, aydours, and abettours,
beyng conuicted accordyng to the lawes of this Realme of suche of-
fences shalbe imprisoned, and forfeyte suche landes, goodes, and
chattelles, as in cases of misprision of treason, for conceilement of
high treason.

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An act to reuiue a statute

made Anno primo of the Queenes Maiesties
raigne, inhabiting the carying of leather, tal-
lowe, and rawe hydes out of the
Realme.

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*Here in the parliament be-
gunne at Westminster the. xxiij.
day of January, in the firste yeere
of the raigne of our Soueraigne
Lady the Queenes most excellent
Maiesty, there was one very good
acte and statute made, prohibiting
the transporting and carying of
leather, rawe hydes, and tallowe
out of this Realme, entituled, An
act that the conueying of leather,
tallowe, or rawe hydes out of the*

Realme for merchaundize, shalbe felonie: whiche acte and statute
was made to continue but for a certayne tyme, & nowe is expired
and determined, for want of continuance at the last parliament.
And for as much as by experience it hath wel appeared, that since
the determination of the sayde good lawe and statute, there hath
ben, and yet dayly is suche great transportation of leather, rawe
hydes, and tallowe, out of this Realme, that thereby great scarltie
and dearth thereof is nowe growen amonges the Queenes Ma-
iesties most loyng and obedient subiectes, and specially amonges
those of the pooer sort, who are nowe compelled to pay for theyr
bootes and shoes almoste double the price that they byd before the
determination of the sayde good lawe and statute. For remedie
whereof, be it enacted by the Queenes mosse excellent Maiestie,
with thassent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the
Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auc-
thoritie of the same, that the sayd acte and statute made in the sayd
Parliament, begunne the sayde. xxiij. day of January, in the sayde
first yeere, entituled as is beforesayde, and all and euery braunche,
article,

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article, clause, and sentence therein conteyned, shall from and after the feast day of Saint Bartholomewe the apostle next comming, be reuiued, and stand and be in full force and effect, for and during the space of seven yeeres then next folowynge, and also after the end of the sayd seven yeeres, then to the end of the next Parliament, next folowing the end and determination of the sayd seven yeeres, any thyng heretofore had made, doone, or suffered to the contrary thereof, notwithstanding.

An Act for the punishment of vacaboundes, and for the reliefe of the poore and impotent.

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Here all the partes of this Realme of Englande and Wales, be presently with roges, vacaboundes, & sturdie beggers, exceedingly pestered, by meane whereof dayly happeneth in the same Realme horrible murders, theftes, & other great outrages; to the high displeasure of almighty G O D, and to the great annoy of the common weale: and for auoyding confusion by reason of numbers of lawes,

concerning the premisses, standing in force together: Be it enacted, that the statute made in the xxi. yeere of the raigne of the late king Henry the eyght, entituled, An acte concerning aged poore, and impotent persons, compelled to lyue by almes, howe they shalbe ordered, and howe vacaboundes & mightie strong beggers shalbe punished: and one other act, entituled, An acte touching the punishment of vacaboundes and other idle persons, made in the third & fourth yeeres of the raigne of the late king Edward the vi. and one other act made in the fifth yeere of the raigne of our said sovereign Lady the Queene Maiestie that now is, entituled, An acte

acte for the releefe of the poore, and euery braunche, article, clause, and sentence in them, and euery of them conteyned, shalbe from and after the feast of Saint Bartholomewe thapostle next commyng, vtterly boyde, frustrate, and of none effect.

Be it also enacted by thauthoritie of this present Parliament, as wel for the vtter suppressing of the sayd outrageous crimes to the common weale, as for the charitable relieving of the aged and impotent poore people, in maner and fourme folowing. first, that al and euery person and persons whatsoeuer they be, beyng aboue the age of fourteene yeeres, beyng hereafter set forth by this acte of Parliament to be roges, bacabothindes, or sturdie beggers, and be at any tyme after the feast of S. Bartholomewe thapostle next commyng, taken begging in any part of this Realme, or taken bagrant, wandring, and disorderyng them selues, contrary to the purport of this present act of parliament, in any part of the same, shall vpon their apprehension be brought before one of the Iustices of the peace, or Maior, or cheefe officer of Cities, Borowghes, and Townes corporate, within the Countie, Citie, Borowgh, or Towne corporate where the apprehencion shal happen to be, and by the sayd Justice or head officer to be presently committed to the common gaole of the sayde Countie, beyng apprehended within the Countie, or els such other place as by the Iustices of peace of that Countie, or three of them, at anye their generall Sessions shalbe appoynted: and if he be taken within any Citie, Borowgh, or Towne corporate, then to be committed to the prison of the sayd Citie, Borowgh, or Towne corporate, there to remaine without baile or mayneprie, vntill the next sessions of the peace, or general gaole deliuerie for the sayde Shyre, Citie, Borowgh, or Towne corporate, to be holden, whiche shall first happen: and the Constables, or other officers, for the conueying of such roge or bacabounde by commaundement of the sayde Iustices, to haue such reasonable charges for them selues and the prisoner, from tyme to tyme, borne by the parische or parishes where the sayde roge or bacabounde shall happen to be taken: as to the discretion of the Iustices of peace present at the next assises, or at the sessions of the peace then next kept within the limit where the prisoner is apprehended, shall seeme convenient. At which sessions or gaole deliuerie, if such person or persons be duly convict of his or her roge or bacaboundes trade of lyfe, eyther by inquest of office, or by the testimony of two honest & credible witnessys vpon their othes: that then immediately he or she shalbe adyudged to be gyven to the whippes, and to runnethrough the gyle of the right ear, with a

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hot iron of the compasse of an yriche about, manifesting his or her rogythe kynde of lyfe, and his or her punishment receaued for the same, whercof entrie shalbe made of Recorde by the Clarke of the peace of the same Shyre, in the Recordes of the same Sessions, whiche iudgement shall also presently be executed, excepte some honest person, valued at the last subsidie nexte before that tyme to fyue poundes in goodes, or twentie shyllinges in landes, or els some suche honest household, as by the Justices of the peace of the same Countie, or two of them, shalbe allowed, wyl of his charitie be contented presently to take suche offendour before the same Justices into his seruice for one whole yeere next folowynge, and to that ende, will presently before the sayde Justices enter into bond by recognisaunce, to thuse of our soueraigne Lady the Queene, to pay to our sayde soueraigne Lady, the summe of fyue poundes, yf he keepeth not the sayde offendour in his seruice by the space of the sayde whole yeere, and to bring hym or her vnto the sessions at the yeeres ende, or then good p:ooofe of his or her death durynge the sayde yeere, the sayde Clarke of the peace takynge for the sayde recognisaunce but .xii. d. onely. And yf suche roge or bacabounde so taken into seruice, depart within the sayde yeere from the sayde seruice, agaynst the wyl of hym that so taketh hym or her into seruice: that then suche roge or bacabounde shalbe whypped and burnt through the grylle of the ryght eare with a hot iron, as is aforesayde.

Provided alwayes neuerthelesse, that yf the sayde person so committed, or to be committed, come before the next sessions of the peace, or the next gaole deliuerie, to be holden for the sayde Countie, or before their commyttynge, and doo fynde anye suche suretie as is next before recited, to be bounde in fourme aforesayd, for hym or her for one whole yeere: then the sayde person shal not carry in the gaole tyll the nexte sessions, or tyll the nexte gaole deliuerie.

And be it further enacted, that the sayde person or persons so marked, or adiudged to be burnt, as aforesayde, shall not be dealte withal againe by way of punishment by the space of fourtie dayes next after the sayde punishment executed, or adiudged to be burnt as is aforesayde, yf he or she haue licence for the sayde fourtie dayes from two Justices of the peace of the same Shyre, testifying the punishment receaued, or iudgement geuen: but if after the sayde punishment executed, or iudgement geuen, the sayde person or persons so marked, or hauynge receaued suche iudgement, do after threescore dayes next after he, she, or they shall be so marked, cyther

eyther in the same Countie where he or she was so marked, or ha-
 uing receaued suche iudgement, or els in any other Countie with-
 in the sayde Realme of Englande or Wales, beyng of the age of
 eyghtene yeeres or aboue, do eftsoones fal agayne to any kynde of
 rogishe, or bacabounde trade of lyfe: that then the sayd roge, bac-
 bolunde, or sturdie begger, from thencefoorth to be taken, adiud-
 ged, and deemed, in all respectes as a felon, and shall in all degrees
 receaue, haue, suffer, and forsayte as a felon, except some honest
 person valued at the last Subsidie next before that tyme to tenn
 poundes in goodes, or fortie shillinges in landes, or els some suche
 honest Housholder, as by the Justices of the peace of the same
 Countie, or two of them shalbe alowed, of meere charitie wyll be
 contented before suche Justices, as the sayde bacabounde is or
 shalbe arraigned of felonie, to take hym or her into his seruice for
 two whole yeeres then next folowynge, and then before the same
 Justices, wyll then presently put in bonde by recognisaunce of
 ten poundes, to be leuyed of his landes, tenementes, goodes, and
 cattels, to thuse of our sayd soueraigne Lady, yf he keepeth not the
 sayd offendour in his seruice for two whole yeeres, and bring him
 or her vnto the sessions at the sayd two yeeres ende, or good prooue
 of his or her death. And yf suche roge or bacabounde so taken into
 seruice, depart within the same two yeeres from his or her said ser-
 uice, agaynst the wyll of hym that so tooke him or her into seruice:
 that then suche roge or bacabounde, shalbe taken, adiudged, and
 deemed as a felon in al respectes, & shall in all degrees, haue, suffer,
 and forsayte as a felon, without alowaunce or benefite of Clea-
 rgie or Sanctuarie. And yf suche roge or bacabounde, after fourtie
 dayes next after he or she shalbe two seuerall tymes taken into ser-
 uice, as is aforesayde, do eyther in the sayde Countie, or els where
 eftsoones the thirde tyme fal agayne to a kynde of rogishe or bac-
 bounde trade of lyfe: that then suche roge or bacabounde, shalbe
 adiudged and deemed for a felon, and suffer paynes of death, and
 losse of lands and goodes as a felon, without allowaunce of bene-
 fite of Cleargie or Sanctuarie.

And for the full expressing what person and persons shalbe en-
 tended within this braunche to be roges, bacaboundes, and
 sturdie beggers, to haue and receaue the punishment aforesayde,
 for the sayde lewde manner of lyfe: it is now published,
 declared, and set forth by the auctoritie of this present Parlia-
 ment, that all and euery suche person and persons, that be or
 better them selues to be Proctours or Procuratours, goynge in
 or about anye Countrey or Countreyes within this Realme
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without sufficient auctoritie, depyued from, or vnder our Soueraigne Ladye the Queene : and all other ydle persons goyng about in anye Countrey of the sayde Realme, vsyng subtyll, craftie, and vnlawfull games or playes, and some of them saignting them selues to haue knoweledge in Phisnomie, Palmestrie, or other abused sciences, whereby they beare the people in hande they can tell theyr destinies, deatches, and fortunes, and such other lyke fantastickall imaginations : and all and euery person and persons, beyng whole and myghtie in bodye, and able to labour, hauyng not lande or Pasture, nor vsyng any lawfull merchandise, craft, or misterie, whereby he or she myght get his or her lyuyng, and can geue no reckonyng howe he or she doth lawfully get his or her lyuyng : and all fencers, bearewardes, common players in enterludes, and minstrelles, not belonging to anye Baron of this Realme, or towarde any other honourable personage of greater degree, all iuglers, pedlers, tinkers, and petie chapmen : whiche sayde fencers, bearewardes, common players in enterludes, minstrelles, iuglers, pedlers, tinkers, and petie chapmen, shall wander abroad and haue not licence of two Iustices of the peace at the lease, whereof one to be of the Quorum, where and in what Shyre they shall happen to wander: and al common labourers, beyng persons able in bodye, vsyng totyeryng, and resyng to worke, for such reasonable wages as is tayed and commonly geuen in suche partes where suche persons do or shal happen to dwel: and all counterfeitures of licences, pases, and all blers of the same, knowyng the same to be counterfeyte : and all scollers of the vniuersities of Oxforde or Cambridge, that goe about beggyng, not being auctorized vnder the seale of the sayde vniuersities, by the Commislarie, Chauncelour, or vice Chauncelour of the same : and all hyppmen, pretending losses by Sea, other then suche as shalbe hereafter prouided for : and all persons deliuered out of goales that begge for theyr fees, or doo straiyle to theyr Countreyes or freendes, not hauyng licence from two Iustices of the peace of the same Countie where he or she was deliuered, shalbe taken, adiudged, and deemed rogues, vacaboundes, and sturdie beggers, intended of by this present acte, togeather with al and euery suche other person and persons, as shalbe hereafter for alteryng and breakyng of suche good orders, as in the seconde parte of this present act shalbe established for the releefe of the aged and impotent poore people, set forth and declared to be vacaboundes.

And further be it enacted, that if anye person or persons, after

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the sayde feast of Saint Bartholomewe, geue any harborough, money, or lodgyng, or any other reliefe, to any roge, bacabounde, or sturdie begger, eyther marked as before, or not marked, not hauyng suche a licence as is before recited from two Iustices of the peace then in continuance, and that duely prooued before the Iustices of the peace at theyr quarter Sessions: shall make suche fyne to the Quenes Maiestie, as by the discretions of the sayde Iustices, or the more part of them, at theyr generall sessions shalbe assessed, so as the same excede not twenty shyllinges. And also yf any person or persons do disturbe or let the execution of this act in any maner of wyse, or make recusse agaynst any Maior, Shyrryffe, Bayliffe, or other person, that shall endeuous hym selfe, for, or about the due execution hereof, shal forseyte & lose fyue poundes, and ouer that, shall haue imprisonment at the Quenes Maiesties pleasure.

Prōvided alwayes, that this acte, nor anye thyng herein conteyned, shal not extend to make any person or persons accessarie, or accessaries to the said felonies made by this statute, nor that anye attaynder by any the felonies aforesayde, shal worke or be any corruption of blood in the issues or lyne of the person attaynted.

Prōvided also, that it shalbe still lawfull to al misters and gouernours of the Hospitallles, to lodge or harbour anye impotent or aged person or persons of charitie or almes, accordyng to theyr foundation, and to geue money in almes, in as la ge maner as they are bounde to doo by their foundation, to anye suche aged or impotent person: any thyng herein conteyned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Prōvided alwayes, that shipmen, and souldiers, hauyng licence of the next two Iustices of the peace to the place where they first happened to lande, or where they first entred into this realme, shal and may passe accordyng to the purport of their licence, and entent of this act of Parliament: any thing herein conteyned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Be it also further prōvided, that no licence recited in this statute, shall geue any maner libertie, or be of anye maner force, but onely in the shyre whereof the graunter or graunters of suche licence shalbe Iustice or Iustices of peace. wherfore if the sayde partie licensed, wyl haue any further passage without the daunger of this lawe, then the Shyre where his first licence is graunted, it shalbe behouefull for hym to procure and get in euery other Shyre where he entendeth to passe, one other licence from two Iustices of the peace of the sayde Shyre, and so from Shyre to Shyre, to the

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the end of his journey. Be it also provided, that this act, nor any thing therein conteyned, do in any wise extende to any Cochers, or haruest folkes, that trauaile into any countrey of this Realme for haruest worke, eyther come haruest, or hay haruest, yf they doo worke and labour accordingly, neyther yet to any that happeneth to be robbed or spoiled by the way, neither yet to any seruing men that be of honest behauiour, that be turned from theyr masters, or whose master or maistrisse shalbe dead, for the space of six monethes next after suche turning away, or death of such master or maistrisse, so as every such seruing man hath a testimonial from his master or maistrisse, or from two Iustices of the peace of the same Countie, declaring suche turning away, or suche death of his master or maistrisse.

Provided alwayes, that it shalbe lawfull to the lozde Chauncelour, or lord keeper of the great Seale of England, for the time being, to make licence vnder the said great Seale, as heretofore hath been accustomed, and that the sayde licence and licences, shall as largely extende as the contents of them wil beare: any thing here- in to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the authori- tie aforesayde, that this present acte, or any thing therein contey- ned, shal not extende to make frustrate or boyde anye safe con- ducte, passporte, or licence, made and graunted, or to be made and graunted by the lozde Deputie of Irelande, or by the lozde Go- uernour of the Townes and Garisons of Barwyche, or Carlisle, for the tyme being, or any other cheefe captayne or gouernour of anye castle or forresle of the Queenes Maiesties, or by any other in his or theyr absence, hauyng the charge of the sayde Townes and Garisons, or by any the Guardians of the three Marches to- wardes Scotlande, or by any General, Liefetenaint, or other cheefe officer appoynted by the Queenes Maiestie to haue the charge and conduction of any Armie, Garison, or power of men, leued or to be leued by her hyghnesse order and appoyntmente. And for the special service and assayes of her Maiestie, her heires or successours, or by any priuate captayne vpon the disappearing of any armie, onely to any souldiour or souldiours, or any other per- son or persons whatsoever, within this her Realme of Eng- lande and Irelande, passyng by vertue thereof about his or theyr lawfull businesse and assayes: but that he or they shall and maye quietly without any let or disturbaunce, enjoy the benefite, effect, and true meanyng thereof, in as large and ample maner and forme, as heretofore hath been bled and accustomed: any thing

in this present acte mentioned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that this present acte, or any thing therein conteyned, shall not in any wyse extende to the punishment of any such person or persons, as by this statute are limited for roges, unless the same be of the age of fourteene yeres or above; but that they and every of them under that age shall be punished with whipping, or stocking, as heretofore hath been used and appointed by the lawes and statutes in that case provided, and now repealed: this acte or any thing therein conteyned to the contrary hereof, in any wyse notwithstanding.

And it is further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that yf within any Towne or Paryshe where any such bacabounde or roge shall happen to begge, or make his abode, contrary to the fourme of this statute, yf the Constable or Tithing men be negligent, and doo not his or theyr best endeavour for the apprehension of such bacabounde or roge, which there shall begge or make abode, contrary to the fourme in this statute limited, or shall willingly suffer the sayde bacabounde or roge to escape from the punishment or order in this statute prescribed: that then the sayde Constable or Tithing man in whom such defaulte shall be, shall loose and forfeyte for every such bacabounde and bagrant person, that shall be suffered to begge, or make abode within his authoritie, contrary to the fourme of this statute. *vi. s. viii. d.* And for as muche as charitie woulde, that poore, aged, and impotent persons shoulde as necessarily be provided for, as the sayde roges, bacaboundes, and sturdie beggers repressed, and that the sayde aged, impotent, and poore people shoulde have comenient habitations and abyding places throughout this Realme to settle them selves upon, to the ende that they, nor any of them shoulde hereafter begge, or wander about: It is therefore enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that the Justices of peace of al and singular the Shyres of Englande and Wales, within the limits of theyr commissions, and al other Justices of the peace, Mayors, Shyryffes, Baylyffes, and other officers of al and every Citie, Burowe, Rydyng, and fraunchises within this Realme, whereof they be Justices at peace, within the limittes of theyr authoritie, shall at, or before the sayde feast of Saint Bartholomewe nexte commynge, divide them selves, and so beyng divided, shall within every of theyr severall divisions and authorities, make diligent searche and enquire of al aged, poore, impotent, and decayed persons, borne within theyr sayde divisions and limittes, or whiche were

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were there dwelling within three yeeres next before this present parliament, whiche lyue, or of necessitie be compelled to lyue by almes of the charitie of the people that be or shalbe abyding within the lymits of theyr commissions and aucthorities: and shall bypon that searche made, make a register booke, conteynyng the names & surnames of all suche aged, decayed, and impotent poore people, as be within theyr sayd lymittes and aucthorities, whiche shall alwayes remaine with the sayde Justices, Maiors, Bayliffes, or other head officers, or anye one of them. And when the number of the sayde poore people forced to lyue bypon almes, be by that meanes truly knowen, then the sayde Justices, Maiors, Shyryffes, Bayliffes, and other officers, shall within lyke convenient tyme, devise and appoynt within euery theyr sayde seuerall diuisions, meete and conuenient places by theyr discretions, to sette the same poore people for theyr habitation, and abyding, if the Parsh within the whiche they shalbe founde, shal not, or will not prouide for them, and shall also within lyke conuenient tyme, number all the sayde poore people within theyr sayde seuerall lymittes: and therebpon (haupng regarde to the number) set downe what portion the weekly charge towarde the reliefe and sustentation of the sayde poore people will amount vnto, within euery theyr sayde seuerall diuisions and lymittes: and that done, they the sayde Justices, Maiors, Shyryffes, Bayliffes, and other officers, within euery theyr seuerall Commissions, aucthorities, diuisions, and lymittes, shal by theyr good discretions take and asseesse all and euerye the inhabitants, dwelling in all and euerye Citie, Borow, Towne, Wyllage, Hamlet, and place knowen within the sayde lymittes and diuisions, to suche weekly charge, as they and euery of them shal weekly contribute towarde the reliefe of the sayde poore people: and the names of al suche inhabitants taxed, shall also enter into the sayde register booke together with theyr taxation: and also shal by theyr discretions, within euery theyr sayde diuisions and lymittes, appoynt or see Collectours for one whole yeere to be appoynted, of the sayde weekly portion, whiche shall collect and geather the said proportion, and make deliuey of so much thereof, according to the discretion of the sayde Justices, Maiors, Shyryffes, Bayliffes, and other officers, to the sayde poore people, as the sayde Justices, Maiors, Shyryffes, Bayliffes, and other officers shall appoynt them. And also shal appoynt ouerseers of the sayde poore people by theyr discretions, to continue also for one whole yeere: and yf they doo refuse to be ouerseers, then euery of them so refusyng, to forseyte

ten shyllinges for euery suche default.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the Maior of the Citie of London, and the Maior, Shyryffes, Baylyffes, and other head officers of euery other Citie, Borowe, or Towne corporate, or his or theyr sufficient deputie or deputies, within theyr Cities, Borowes, and Townes corporate, and the Constables or Tythyng men of all and euery Hundred, Rape, and wapentake, within al and euery the sayde Shyres in Englande, and waales, in all and euery suche abiding place and places within theyr hundredes, linettes, and precinctes, as shalbe appoynted to settle the poore people in, shal once euery moneth next after the sayde places so appoynted be inhabited with the sayde poore people, accordyng to the entent of this present acte of Parliament, make a biewe and searche of al the aged, impotent, and lame persons within the precinct of theyr iurisdiccions: and all suche person and persons as they shal fynde not beyng bozne within that diuision, nor within the saide Cities, Borowes, or Townes corporate, then shal they presently see the same poore people not there bozne, nor dwelling within the sayde three yeeres (except leproous people, and bedzed people) to be conueghed on horsebacke, in carte, or otherwyle, as shal seeme best to theyr discretions, to the next Constable, and so from Constable to Constable, the directest way, tyll the sayde person and persons be brought to the place where he or shee was bozne, or mooste conuerfaunt by the space of three yeeres next before, and there to be put in the abydyng place, or one of the abydyng places in that Countrey appoynted, or to be appoynted for the habitation of the poore people of that countrey, there to be prouided, kept, and nourysed of almes, as is aforesaid, bypon payne of twentie shyllinges, euerye the saide officers that neglectyng.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf any of the sayde poore people, bypon the appoyntment of the sayde Justices or other officers, refuse to be bestowed in any of the sayde abydyng places before mentioned, but conet styll to holde on their trade of beggyng: or after they be once bestowed in the sayde abydyng place or places, doo departe and begge: then the saide person and persons so offendyng, for the fyfthe offence to be accompted a roge or bacabournde, and to suffer as a roge or bacabournde in the fyfthe degree of punishment set forth by this acte in all poyntes: And yf he, she, or they, doo the second time offende, then to be esteemed as a roge or bacabournd, & to suffer as a roge or bacabournd in the last degree of punishment, set forth by this act, in all poyntes.

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And it is further enacted by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that yf anye manner of person or persons appoynted and elected to be Collectours, as is aforesayde, shal refuse the sayde office, or shall after he hath agreed to it neglecte the same, he shall forfeite and lose for euery offence to the vse of the pooze of the same place fourtie shyllynges of lawfull money of Englande, to be leuied by distresse, or recouered by action, byll, playnt, or information, in any Court of recorde, or Lordes Court, by the hygh Constables or Tything men aforesayde: In whiche suite, no esloigne, protection, nor wager of lawe shalbe allowed or admytted to the partie defendaunt. And yf the sayde hygh Constables shalbe remysse or negligent to sue, or shall refuse to sue the sayde Collectours and euery of them, within two monethes next after suche refusall, or negligence in or by the sayde Collectour: that then the sayde hygh Constables or Tythingmen, shall forfeite and lose five poundes of lawful money of England, to thuse of the pooze of the same place, to be sued for, by and in the name of two of the next Iustices to the sayde place or places, beyng out of Cities, Boroughes, and Townes corporate: yf within, then by the Maior, Bayliffes, or other head officers of the sayde Cities, Boroughes, or Townes corporate, in any Court of recorde, or Lordes Court, by action of debt, byll, playnt, or information, in whiche no esloigne, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe allowed.

And further be it enacted, that the sayde Collectours, and euery of them, so to be cholen, as is aforesayde, shall make their wisse account halfe yeerely of their sayde collection and gathering, to two Iustices of the peace, dwelling nexte to the sayde abydng place or places, not being within any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate: or to the Maior, Sheriffes, or other cheefe officers, of the sayde Cities, Boroughes, or Townes corporate: and when they goe out of their offices, they shall deliuer, or cause to be deliuered forthwith vpon their comptes, al such surplussages of their collection and geathering, as shall then remaine vndistributed to be ordred by the sayde Iustices, Maiors, Bayliffes, or other head officers, vppon the saide payne of tenne poundes. If any such Collectour shall refuse to make his sayd account, or neglect the same, by the space of fourteene dayes after request to him therfore made: then the sayde two Iustices, or one of them, to committe the sayde Collectour to the next gaole for the said Countie, there to remaine without bayle or mayneprise, tyl he haue made his sayd account, and immediate payment and deliuerie of al suche surplussages as he hath receyued.

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And be it further enacted, that yf any person or persons, being able to further this charitable worke, wyl obbinately refuse to geue towardes the helpe and reliefe of the sayde poore people, or doo wylfully discourage other from so charitable a dedde: the sayde obbinate person or wylfull discourager, shall presently be brought before two Iustices of the peace, whereof one to be of the Quorum, of the same Countie, to shewe the cause of his obbinate refusal, or wylfull discouragement, and to abyde suche order therein, as the sayd Iustices shal appoynt: yf he refuse so to doo, then to be committed to the next gaole for the sayd shire, there to remaine untill he be contented with their sayde order, and doo performe the same.

And it is also further enacted, that yf any of the sayde aged and impotent persons, not being so diseased, lame, or impotent, but that they may worke in some maner of worke, shalbe by the overseers of their sayde abyding place appoynted to worke, yf they refuse, then in fourme afore sayde to be whippyed and stocked for their fyrrte refusal, and for theyr seconde refusal to be punished as in case of bacaboundes in the sayde fyrrte degree of punishment.

Provided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that thre Iustices of peace, whereof one to be of the Quorum, of and with the surplussages of the sayde collections and forseptures, (the sayde poore and impotent people satisfied and provided for) shall by theyr discretions in suche convenient place or places within their sayd Shires as they shall thinke meete, place and settle to worke, the rogges and bacaboundes that shalbe disposed to worke, home within their sayde Countie, or there abyding for the most part within the sayd thre peeres, there to be holden to worke by the oversight of the sayd overseers, to get their husnages, and to lye and to be sustayned onely bypon their labour and travayle.

Be it also further enacted by the authoritie of this presente Parliament, that yf anye beggers chyld, beinge above the age of thre peeres, and under fouretyne peeres, beinge male or female, shalbe tyed of by anye subject of this Realme of honest calling, who shalbe wyllyng to take the sayde chyld into service, the sayde subject shall at the next generall Sessions to be holden for the sayde Countie, by order of the Iustices there, or the moste part of them, have the sayde chyld bounde with hym: yf it be a man chyld, tyll the age of foure and twentie peeres, yf it be a woman chyld, tyll the age of eyghteene peeres. If the chyld doo after departe, or be

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be taken, or be entitled from the sayd maister or maistresse, the maister or maistresse to have their remedy by order of the statute of labourers, as for their seruant, eyther by way of action, or other wyse, as well agaynst the chyld, as agaynst the taker or entiler thereof.

Be it also enacted by auctoritie of this present Parliament, that all the forfeitures appoynted, or to growe by this statute (except the forfeitures of Iustices of peace) shall wholly goe, and be employed to the use of the poore aforesayde, and shalbe leuied by distresse, by the discretion of the Iustices of the same countie, or two of them, or other head officers aforesayde, and that the Iustices of peace in all Shires of Englande, shall in their quarter Sessions next after Easter, yeerely examine the perfourmance, or not perfourmance of this statute, according to the tenour therof, as they are bounde to doo the statute of labourers, and at their sayd Sessions shal yeerely appoynt newe Collectours, and newe ouersieers for the causes aforesayde, and shall then also agree vpon newe biewes and searches of the sayde impotent people within enery their limittes for the yeere folowynge, yf neede shalbe, and further at their sayd Sessions, shal take order by their good discretions, for al and euery thing and thinges, that may in any wyse further the intent of this acte.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that three Iustices of peace, within all the Shyres of this Realme, whereof one to be of the Quorum, shal haue full power by auctoritie of this present Parliament, to heare and determine al causes, (except forfeitures of Iustices of peace) that shall come in question by reason of this present acte.

Provided also, that forasmuche as it is thought that the Inhabitauntes of diuers Counties, Cities, and Townes within this Realme, be not able to relieue the poore, lame, and impotent persons with money, to be collected in maner and fourme aforesayde, and that it were ouer great a burthen to the collectours, for to gather meate, drynke, corne, or other thynges for their reliefe, to be employed and bestowed in fourme aforesayde: Therefore it is further enacted, that it shalbe lawfull to and for the Iustices of the peace, in their open Sessions of the peace, or for the mooste parte of them there assembled, within any the Counties, cities, or townes of this Realme, where collection of money can not presently be had, as this present acte wyllith and appoynteth, to graunt licence vnder their handes and seales, to suche, and so manye of the sayde poore and impotent, or diseased persons, or to any other

other person or persons, to be by the sayde Justices assigned and allowed for the sayde poore, to alme, geather, and receive, within anye other Towne, Parithe, or Parishes of the sayde Countie, as the sayd Justices, or the most part of them, there then in their sayd Session assembled, shall especially name, appoynt, limit, and assigne the charitable deuotion and almes, at the house or houses of the inhabitants of such Towne, Parish, or Parishes, by the said Justices, named, appoynted, limited, or assigned, so that they doe appoynt the sayd poore so to be relieved onely within the Townes and Parishes being within the diuisions of the same Justices that so they geue such licence or licences: & that the inhabitants of every such Parithe or Parishes, to the which such poore or impotent persons shalbe so appoynted, as is aforesayd, shalbe coerced and bounde by vertue of this acte, vnder such payne, as to the discretion of the sayd Justices there in their Session assembled, or the most part of them, shal seeme convenient, to relieve the sayd poore and impotent persons, in such sorte, as the sayd Justices there assembled shal appoynt.

And be it further enacted, that yf it shall happen anye Citie or Towne corporate, to haue in it more impotent and poore folkes, not able to labour, then the said Towne or Citie is able to relieue, and the sayde Citie or Towne corporate is a Countie of it selfe, or situate, or standing in one Countie, & immediately adioyning to another, that in those Cities or townes, the Maior or head officers of the said Citie or Towne, shal make certificate to the Justices of the Counties adioyning to the sayde Cities or Townes, and the same Justices of the sayd adioyning Countie or Townes, in their general Sessions of the peace, shal geue licence, and followe the order above remembred, according as other Justices of the Counties in the which any Towne or Parithe surcharged standeth, are before limited and authorized to doo.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that al and every summe and summes of money, from henceforth to be collected or gathered within the Citie of London, and the liberties of the same, by vertue of this acte, shalbe payde vnto the governours of the Hospitall, called the Hospitall of Charles Church, within the said Citie of London, for the time being, and shalbe by them from tyme to tyme distributed, and bestowed, for the reliefe of the poore of the same Citie, according to their wisdomes and discretions: anye thing in this statute conteyned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

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that all and every summe and summes of money, from henceforth to be collected or gathered within the Citie of Couentrie, and the liberties of the same, by vertue of this acte, towarde the mayntenance and releefe of the Hospitall of poore people, erected in the same Citie, shalbe payde vnto such gouernour & gouernours of the sayd Hospitall, as now is, or hereafter shalbe admitted & appoynted by the Mayor and Aldermen of the sayde Citie of Couentrie, or the more part of them, for the time being: and such gouernour and gouernours so admitted and appoynted, as is aforesayd, shal from time to time distribute and bestow for the reliefe of the poore within the sayd Citie, the sayde summe or summes of money, according to their wysdomes and discretions: any thing mentioned in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that al and every summe and summes of money, from henceforth to be payde, collected, or gathered, within the Citie of Gloucester, liberties, and limittes of the same Citie, for, and toward the use or reliefe of the poore, and al and every other reliefe which shalbe due and payable, or is to be peyled within the sayde Citie, liberties, or limittes, for, and toward the releife of the sayde poore, shalbe from tyme to tyme payde and deliuered, or otherwyle shall stande and be at the onely rule, order, and disposition of the president and gouernours of the Hospital of saint Bartholomewe, of the foundation of our most gracious soueraigne Lady Queene Elizabeth, within the sayd Citie of Gloucester, for the tyme being, and shalbe by them from time to tyme distributed, and bestowed for the reliefe of the poore of the sayde Citie, accordyng to their wysdomes and discretions.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the Byschoppe of every Diocesse, or his Chauncelour for the tyme being, shall peerely visite all Hospitalles in the Diocesse of suche Byschoppe, where no visitour by the founder or founders is appoynted, yf the founder of the sayde Hospitall be then dead, and to see and take order, that the sayde Hospitalles be ordered and bled accordyng to the statutes and ordinaunces of the foundation thereof, and yf the founder be then lyving, the sayde founder to visite the same duryng his lyfe, without anye the Byschoppes visitation, and the same visitation to be at the onely costes and charges of the visitours, and not of the Hospitall: and that it shalbe lawfull to the Byschoppe of the Diocesse for the tyme being, where suche Hospitall is or shalbe, or his Chauncelour, vppon complaynte, or other intelligence of iuste cause, to
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take accompt howe the rentes, reuenues, and profittes of any such Hospitall hath been bestowed and spent, to call before him or them at the sayd Hospitall to accompt, al suche person and persons as haue had the collection or receipt of any the sayd rentes, issues, reuenues, or profittes. And if any person or persons so called, shall, and doo refuse to accompt, or entryng into accompt, shall refuse to proceede and finishe the same, or bypon the finishing thereof, shall refuse forthwith to employ or aumswere to the use of the sayde Hospitall, suche summe or summes of money, as bypon the same accompt shal appeare to be due by him: that then every such person and persons so refusing, shal forsayte and lose suche summe and summes of money, as to the sayde Byschoppe or Chauncelour, and to two Justices of the peace next inhabiting to the sayde Hospitall, shalbe thought meete and conuenient, to whiche accomptes, the sayde Byschoppe or Chauncelour, shall call the same two Justices of peace.

It is also, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no person or persons, hauyng charge of any biage in passing from the Realme of Irelande, or from the Isle of Manne, into this Realme of Englande, doo from the laste day of June nexte comyng, wyttynge, or wyllingthe transporte, byng, cary, or conueygh, or suffer to be transported, brought, caried, or conueyghed in any shyppe, picarde, vessel, boate, or boates, from and out of the sayde Realme of Irelande, or from, or out of the sayde Isle of Manne, into the Realme of Englande, or wales, or anye parte thereof, anye bacabounde, roge, or begger, or anye suche as shalbe forced, or very lyke to lyue by beggyng within the Realmes of Englande or wales, beyng borne in the Realme of Ireland, or in the sayd Isle of Manne, on payne of every such person or persons, so bringyng, transporting, caryng, or conueyghyng, eyther suffering to be brought, transported, caried, & conueyghed in maner and fourme aforesayde, to forsayte and lose for every suche bacabounde, roge, begger, or other person, whiche shalbe forced, or like to liue by beggyng within this Realme of England, or wales, beyng transported, and set on lande in anye parte of Englande or of wales, twentie shyllinges of lawfull Englyshe money, to the use of the poore of the same parryshe in whiche they were set on lande, to be leuied by the Collectours of the same poore for the tyme beyng, by leaseure and selling of anye the goodes and cattels of the same person, whiche shal so byng, transporte, cary, or conueygh anye suche roge, bacabounde, or begger, or other person whiche shalbe forced, or like to lyue by beggyng within the Realme of

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of England, or of Wales, to the value of the same forfeiture, and on the payne of the same bacabundes, roges, and beggars, so set on lande, to be punished as the other bacabundes and sturdie beggers, in this acte before mentioned and declared.

And be it likewise enacted, yf any suche manlike or Irishe roge, bacabunde, or begger, been already, or shal at any tyme hereafter be set on lande in any part of England or of Wales, the same shalbe conveyed to the next port in or neere whiche they were landed, and from thence be transported at the common charge of the Countie where they were set on land, into those partes from whence they came, or were transported.

Also be it provided, that yf any manner of person, shal hereafter finde hym or her selfe greeued with any taxation set vpon them by vertue of this act. it shalbe lawfull for them at the next general Sessions of the peace, to be holden within the same shyre where their taxation shalbe, to make complaint thereof to the Iustices of the bench, & to be eased of their excessive charge, by the discretion of the whole bench, or the most of them. And yf any default shalbe hereafter found in any Iustices of peace, or Curum, in or about the execution of this acte: every of the sayde Iustices, vpon prooffe of theyr said default by two sufficient witnesses before the Iustices of assise, at the next general Sessions of gaole deliuerie for the same Countie, after the same default, shal forfeite and lose fiue poundes of lawfull Englishe money, the one halfe wherof to be to the vse of the said poore people of the same Countie, and the other halfe to the Queenes Maiestie, whiche said forfeiture shalbe leuied by distresse, by the discretion of the said Iustices of Assises.

And where as a great number of poore and diseased people do resorte to the Citie of Bathe, in the Countie of Sommerfet, and the Towne of Buckstone, in the Countie of Warbie, for some ease and reliefe of their diseases at the bathes there, and by meanes thereof, the inhabitauntes of the same Citie of Bathe, & Towne of Buckstone, are greatly curcharged with the same poore people to their intollerable charge: be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that no diseased or impotent poore person, lyuing on almes, at any time after the feast of saint Bartholomewe the Apollie next comming, shal resort or repayre from theyr dwelling places to the sayde Citie of Bathe, and Towne of Buckstone, or eyther of them, to the bathes there for ease of theyr greefe, vnlesse such person be not onely licensed so to doo, by two Iustices of the peace of the Countie where suche person dooth or shal then dwell

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and remaine: but also provided for of the inhabitantes of such hundrethes, parishes, or places, from whence they shalbe so licensed to trauaile, of suche reliefe for & towards his maintenance, as shalbe necessary for the same person, for the time of such his abode at the said Citie of Bath, & Towne of Buckstone, or eyther of them, & returne home againe as shalbe limited by the same licence, upon payne to be reputed, punished, & bled as bacabondes, by the puruewe of this estatute: and that the inhabitantes of the same Citie and Towne, shal not in any wise be charged by this acte, with the syndyng or reliefe of anye suche poore people.

And for the better perfourmaunce of this charitable act, it is ordeyned and established by auctoritie aforesayd, that where as the late King of famous memorie, King Henry the eyght, his heires or successours, or any other person or persons, heretofore by his or their seueral & lawfull erections & foundations, hath or haue ordeyned or appoynted any summe or summes of mony, rents, reliefes, or commoditie to the ble of the poore, or for the repaying or mending of high wayes or bridges, not being taken away otherwise by act of parliament, whether the same be in any Cathedral church, Colledge, or els where, that the Bishop of the Diocesse, or his Chauncelour, within which the said Cathedral church, Colledge, or place is, & the Iustices of the peace of the Countie within the which the sayd Cathedral Church, Colledge, or place is, or thre of them (whereof one to be of the Quorum) shal haue auctoritie from time to tyme to examine howe and after what manner the sayd mony, rent, reliefe, or commoditie is bestowed: & to cal to accompt the parties which doo deteyne the sayd mony, rentes, or reliefe, and thereupon to take such order for the distribution of the same, as to theyr discretions shal seeme most fitte and agreeable to the good intent of the founders, givers, or graunters, and therof to make certificate in the high Court of Chauncerie, once in every yeere.

Provided alwayes, that where as by reason of this acte, the common gaoles of every Shire within this Realme, are like to be greatly pestered with a more nuber of prisoners then heretofore hath been, for that the sayd bacabondes and other lewde persons before recited, shal upon theyr apprehention be committed to the common gaole of the same Shire where they are so taken and apprehended, & that in most Shires of this Realme the common gaoles are in such townes where there be a great number of poore people, more then they are wel able to sustein with their reliefe,

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reliefe, and in same shires the assises are kept forre distant from the place where the common gaoles are, by reason whereof the sayde prisoners are lyke to famishe for want of sustenance, yf they be not therfore prouided:

For remedy whereof, be it therfore enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that it shal and may be lawfull for the Iustices of peace, of euery shire within this Realme, at their general quarter sessions of the peace to be holden within the same shires, or the most part of the said Iustices being then present, to rate and taxe euery parische within the sayd shires, at such reasonable summes of money, for and towarde the reliefe of the sayde prisoners, as they shal thinke conuenient by their discretions: so that the sayde taxation and rate dooth not errecede aboue sixe pence, or eyght pence by the weeke out of euery parische: and that the Churchwardens of euery parische within this Realme for the time being, shal euery Sunday leuie the same, and once euery quarter in the yeere pay to the high constables, or head officers of euery Towne, Parische, Hundred, Riding, or wapentake within this Realme, al such summes of money, as their parische shalbe rated and taxed, for and towarde the reliefe of the said prisoners within their saide seuerall paryshes: And that the sayde hygh Constables and head officers, and euery of them, shal pay al suche summes of money so to them payd by the sayd Churchwardens, at euery general quarter Sessions to be holden within the said seuerall shires, to such sufficient persons dwelling nigh the said gaoles, as shalbe appoynted by the sayde Iustices in their sayde open quarter sessions: to be there ready to receiue the sayd money so collected, as is aforesayd. And that the Collectours for the sayd prisoners, shal weekly distribute and pay all suche summes of money, as they and euery of them shal receiue for the reliefe of the sayd prisoners, as aforesayde, bypon payne aswel the sayd Churchwardens of euery paryshe, Constables and head officers of euery Hundred, or wapentake, as also the sayde Collectoures appoynted for the collection and contribution of the said prisoners, so making default, as aforesayde, to forseyte fīue poundes, the one moytie thereof shalbe to the ble of the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successors, and the other moytie to the reliefe of the prisoners: any statute, lawe, custome, ble, or other thing to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, that the Iustices of peace within any Countie of this Realme or Wales, shal not intromit or enter into any Cite, Borough, place, or Towne corporate, where be any Ju-

Justice, or Justices of peace, for any such Citie, Borough, place, or Towne corporate, for the execution of any branch, article, or sentence of this act, for, or concerning any offence, matter, or cause growing or arising within the precincts, liberties, or jurisdictions of such Citie, Borough, place, or towne corporate, but that it may and shalbe lawfull to the Justice, & Justices of peace, Mayor, Bayliffes, & other head officers of those Cities, Boroughes, places, and townes corporate, where there be Justice, or Justices, to proceede to the execution of this act, within the precinct and compasse of theyr liberties, in such manner and forme as the Justices of peace in any Countie, may or ought to do within the same Countie by vertue of this act: any matter or thing in this act expessed to the contrary therof, notwithstanding.

And that every Justice and Justices of the peace, within every such Citie, Borough, Place, and towne corporate, for every offence by them, or any of them to be committed contrary to the entent and meanyng of this statute, shalbe punishable, & chargeable as other Justices of peace at large in the Counties, are by this acte aboue appoynted to be.

Provided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that yf it shal chaunce any Citie or towne corporate, to have in it more poore folkes then the inhabitauntes thereof shalbe able to relieue, that in such case bypon certificate thereof made, and of the number and names of the persons with which they be so surcharged, unto the Justices of the peace of the countie in which such Citie or Towne corporate shal lye and be situate, at theyr quarter sessions of the peace, by two Justices of peace of the sayd Countie, and the Mayor or other head officer of the same Citie or towne corporate: the Justices may by theyr discretions in the same Sessions, take order, appoynt, and cause the same poore folke so certified, to be provided for, and relieved, by geuyng of licence to begge, or otherwyle, in some other place or places of the sayd Countie, out of such Citie, or towne corporate so surcharged.

Provided alway, that this act, or any thing therein conteyned, shal not extende to the poore people, for the time being in the Hospital, called Saint Thomas Hospital, otherwile called the Kinges Hospital in the Borough of Southwarke, neare adioyning to the Citie of London, but that the Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens of the said Citie of London for the time being, shal and may only have the rule, order, and government of the sayde Hospital, and of the poore people therein for the time being: any thing

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thing in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that this acte, or any thing therein conteyned, or any auctoritie therby geuen, shal not in any wise extend to disinherite, prejudice, or hinder John Dutton, of Dutton, in the countie of Chester Esquire, his heires, or assignes, for, touching, or concerning any libertie, priuiledge, preeminencie, auctoritie, iurisdiction, or inheritance, which the said John Dutton now lawfully bleseth or hath, or lawfully may or ought to bles within the Countie palentine of Chester, and the Countie of the citie of Chester, or eyther of them, by reason of any auncient charters of any kynges of this lande, or by reason of any prescription, or other lawfull vsage, or title whatsoever.

This act to endure for seven yeeres, and from thence to the end of the next Parliament then next following.

An Act for the explanation

*of a statute made agaynst fugitiues ouer the seas,
in the.xiii. yeere of the Queenes
Maiesties reigne.*

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HERE as in the statute against fugitiues departing out of this Realme, made in the last Parliament, amongst other thynges it is ordeyned, that the offenders agaynst that estatute, shal forfait and lose to our So-
ueraigne Lady the Queene, the whole profites of al theyr manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, durynge theyr liues: sithens whiche time some

doubt and question vpon the sayd woordes hath rysen, and been mooued: whether her Maiestie, her heires and succellours, may let and set the same lands, or make grauntes by coppies of court

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roule thereof, and vsual woodsales, or els shal only take the ordinarie profites as they ryle, as *vesturam terre*, & not other wyle: And whereas in the said estatute, one byaunch or clause is conteined for the making boyde of fraudulent conueyaunces by the sayde fugitiues of theyr landes and goodes, made to thintent & bypon priuile confidence, that the profits may be employed, as they should limit and agree bypon the woozdes of which clause, some doubt and question hath also risen, & been moued, whether the conueyaunce (to thintent aforesayde) made by such fugitiues as depart out of this realme hauing licence, & do not returne into this realme accordyng to theyr licence, & intent of the said estatute, shalbe within the prouision of the said estatute, vnlesse their determination of not returnyng accordyng to their licence, be proued to be before the making of the sayd fraudulent conueyaunce, as a thyng material before the making of the sayde conueyaunce, or whether the same determination of not returnyng accordyng to the sayde licence, be not so material, but that the same shal by the subsequent act, (that is to say) by the not returnyng of the sayde partie accordyng to the sayde licence, be sufficiently proued without any further matter.

For auoyding of whiche doubttes, be it declared, and explained, and ordeyned by auctoritie of this Parliament, that duryng so long time as her maiestie, her heyres or successours, shalbe intituled to haue the saide profites by vertue of the sayde estatute, she and they may let and sette, and make grauntes by coppie of Court roule, and vsual wood sales, and other thynges, to al ententes and purposes, as a tennaunt pour terme dauter vie lawfully may doo.

And further, that the sayde determination, whiche is but a secrete thought of the fugitiue, whatsoever his wordes or speach be, is not material, but that the act and deede subsequent, vyz, the not returnyng of every such fugitiue accordyng to his licence, and not hauing such let or excuse, as by the sayd statute is allowed (without any further matter) was, is, and shalbe taken and deemed a sufficient prooffe of the precedent determination of the same partie not to returne accordyng to his licence: any thyng to the contrary hereof in any wyle, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that all such rentes, reuenues, issues, profites, and other thynges, as already be comen or growe, or hereafter shal come or growe to the Queenes Maiestie, for any the causes of forfeiture mentioned or expessed in the said former act and statute, or declared by this acte,

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act, shalbe answered peereley vnto the Queenes Maiestie in the court of Exchequer, and shalbe in the order, suruey, and rule of the same court: and that the Treasourer, Chauncelour, and Barons of the sayde court, or the more part of them for the time being, wherof the Treasourer, or Chauncelour to be one, shal and may doo, and cause to be doone, al and every such act and thing, as they shal thinke meete and conuenient to be had, made, or doone, for the demising, custodie, receiuing, orderpng, and better answearyng to her Maiesties commoditie and profyte, of all such rentes, reuenues, illues, profittes, and other things as now be comen or growen, or hereafter shal come or growe to her Maiestie, for any the causes of forseynture aforesayd, accordyng to the true intent and meanyng of the sayd former act, and of this present statute of explanation and declaration.

Provided alwayes, and be it further enacted by thauthoritie aforesayde, that al landes, tenementes, rentes, reuertions, seruices, & leasles, beyng at this tyme parcell of the possessions of the Duchie of Lancaster, or deriued out of the same, whertunto, or to the profittes wherof, the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres or successors in any wise is, or hereafter shalbe intituled, either by authoritie of y^e said former estatute of fugittues, or by this estatute, shalbe from henceforth within the suruey, demising, & order of the court of the sayd Duchie of Lancaster, in suche manner and forme, as other the premisses be assigned, or appoynted by authoritie of this acte, or by the said former act, to be in the suruey, demising, and order of the said court of Exchequer: and that the transcript of all offices and inquisitiones concerning the premisses, to be within the suruey, demising, and order of the sayd Duchie of Lancaster, shalbe certiffed and recorded in the sayd court of the Duchie of Lancaster: any thing eyther in the sayd former acte, or in this act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

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An act against the deceip- tes of vnder Collectours of the tenthes and sub- sidies of the Cleargie.

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FOR auoyding & redresse
of great deceytes doone to the
Queenes Maiestie, and to the
Brelates and Cleargie of this
realme, by vnder Collectours of
the tenthes and subsidies of the
Cleargie, appoynted by & vnder
the Archebishops & Bishops of
this realme, and Deanes and
Chapters (Sede vacante:) Be it
enacted, that the statute made in
the. xiii. yeere of her Maiesties
reigne, to make the landes, tenementes, goodes, and cattels of
Cellers, Receiuers, &c. to be liable to the payment of their debtes,
shal to al intentes and purposes, as amply & largely extend, and
be construed to extende to al such vnder Collectours of tenthes
and subsidies of the Cleargie, and to theyr landes, tenementes,
and hereditamentes, goodes, and cattels, for satisfiing of suche
money as they haue collected, or shal collecte, of the sayd tenthes
and subsidies, to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres or
successours (of what yeerely summe so euer the charge of theyr
collection is, or shalbe) in lyke sort as it dooth extende to the
Cellers, Receiuers, and other persons accomptant, whom the
sayd act specially and expressely concerneth, and in as ample wise,
as if such vnder Collectours were immediately accomptant to
the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres or successours: any prouision
in the sayd statute, or other matter whatsoeuer to the contrary,
not withstanding.

And that euery such vnder Collectour, shal vpon processe to be
awarded out of þe court of Exchequer, be chargeable to accompt
for his receipt of suche tenthes and subsidies, as any Receyuer,
immediatly accomptant to her Maiestie, is or ought to be: and
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that every Archbyschoppe and Byschop, and Deane and Chapter (Sede vacante) to whose charge the collection of suche tenthes or subsidies dooth or shall apperteyne, shalbe discharged of so much of the said tenthes & subsidies, as shalbe satisfied to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres or successours, of or by the landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, goodes, or cattayles of suche vnder Collector, or his heyres, without any other warraunt whatsoeuer, in that behalfe to be obteyned.

An acte for the auoyding

*of recoueries suffered by collusion by tenauntes
for tearme of lyfe, and such others.*

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HERE diuers personnes being seised, or that had ben seised of landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, as tenauntes by the curtesie of Englande, tenauntes in tale after possibilitie of issue extincte, or otherwyle, onely for terme of life or liues, or of estates determinable vpon lyfe or liues, haue heretofore permitted and suffered other persons by agreement or couine betweene them

had, to recouer the same landes and tenementes, and other hereditaments, against the same particuler tenauntes, in the queenes Maiesties court, or haue permitted and suffered them selues to be bouched by other persons, by agreement or couin betweene them had in recoueries suffered of the same landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, in the Queenes Maiesties Court, to the great prejudice of those to whom the reuertion or remainder thereof hath apperteyned, or ought to apperteyne.

for remedie whereof, be it enacted by þe Queenes most excellent Maiestie,

Majestie, with the assent of the lordes Spirituall and temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all suche recoveries hereafter to be had or prosecuted by agreement of the parties, or by couine, as is aforesayde, agaynst any suche particuler tenaunt of any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whereof the same particuler tenaunt is, or hereafter shalbe seised of any suche particuler estate, as is aforesayde, or agaynst any other with vouches ouer of any such particuler tenaunt, or of any hauyng, or that had right or title to any suche particuler estate or tenauncie, as is aforesayde, shal from hencefoorth, as agaynst suche personne or personns to whom any reuersion or remaynder thereof, by force of any conueyance or deuice before that tyme had or made, shall, ought or lawfully may apperteyne, and agaynst their heyres and successours, be clearly and biterly boyde and of none effect: any law or vlage heretofore had to the contrary thereof, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provided alway, that this act, nor any thyng therein conteyned, shal extende, or be prejudiciall to any person or personns, that shal hereafter by good title recover any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, without fraud or couine, by reason of any former right, or title: but that all and euery suche recoverie, and recoveries, so to be had or prosecuted bypon former rightes or titles, shal stand and be in lyke force, strength, and effect, as they were before the making of this acte: any thyng herein conteyned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provided also, that all and euery suche recoverie and recoveries, to be had or prosecuted of any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, as aforesayde, by the assent and agreement of any person or personnes, to whom any reuersion or remaynder thereof then shall or ought to apperteyne (so that the same assent & agreement doo appeare of recorde in any court of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Majestie, her heyres or successours) shal stand and be in lyke force, strength, and of lyke effecte, agaynst suche person and personnes that shall so assent and agree, theyr heyres and successours, as they were before the making of this act: any thing herein conteyned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that one act made in the xxii. yeere of our late Soueraigne Lorde kyng Henry the vygth. entituled, An acte for the auoyding of recoveries by collussions by tenants for terme of lyfe, shalbe from the fyrste day of July next ensuinge. repealed & shall no longer stand in force.

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☞ An act declaring that

the tenant and defendaunt may haue
a *tales de circumstantibus*, as well
as the defendaunt or
playntife.

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OR the auoydyng of
great and chargeable delayes of
tentymes happenyng vnto te-
nauntes, and defendauentes: Be
it enacted, that in al cases wher-
as the partie plaintife or deman-
daunt, by any statute heretofore
made, may haue bypon his or
their request made vnto the Ju-
stices of Nisi prius, within this
Realme of Englande, or to the
Justices of Oyer, or of assises, of

the twelue Shires of Wales, & the Counties palentines of Lan-
caster, Chester, and Durham, a *tales de circumstantibus*, that in
al and every such case and cases, the partie and parties, tenants,
actours, and wauntes, and defendauentes (yf the plantifes or de-
mandantes shall bypon the calling of the principall pannell or
Jurie, forbear or refuse to pay the same) shall and may bypon his
or their request or desyre, haue bypon the same recorde, and by the
same Justices, the *tales* or *taleses* vnto them graunted, in lyke
manner, forme, and degree, to all respectes and purposes, as the
playntife or demandaunt in any suite or action may haue the
same, by any statute or ordinaunce heretofore made, or set forth,
and the rather for the speedie triall of the issue and issues ioyned,
or hereafter to be ioyned in any plee, suite, or action: any law, cu-
stome, or vsage heretofore vsed to the contrary therof in any wise,
notwithstanding.

Provided also, and be it further enacted by the authoritie a-
foresayde, that all populer actions, informations, bylles, or
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suites, commenced or had, or hereafter to be commenced or had in any the Queenes Maiesties courtes of recorde, bypon any penall lawes or statutes, wherein any person dooth, or shall sue, or prosecute, or informe, aswell for the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, as for hym selfe, wherebypon issue is or shalbe forned to be tryed by the Countrey: that therein the partie defendaunt, or defendantes, shalbe admitted to pray and haue a tales de circumstantibus, as in other cases aforesayd.

An act to refourme the excessiue length of karsies.

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HERE as within this Realme of Englande, karsies, called ordinarie karsies, haue not, nor doo not vsually contayne aboue seuentene yardes, and the finer sort, called lortyng karsies, not aboue eyghtene yardes, and accordyng to the proportion of the sayde lengthes, the wayght hath ben limited by the statutes nowe remainyng in force for true making of woollen karsies: and where the Queenes Maiestie hath been, is, and ought to be assured of her Maiesties customes and subsidies of the sayde karsies, accordyng to the number of peces, or whole karsies, and not accordyng to the quantitie or number of yardes in euery of the sayde karsies conteyned: and where certayne merchant straungers, and others, byng the trade of transportyng karsies by way of merchandize beyonde the seas, haue of late deuised and procured to haue karsies made of much greater lengthes, as of xxv. and xxvi. yardes and more, and intend, as it may be wel gathered, to haue them made of greater length from tyme to tyme, by whiche policie they doo not onely deceiue the Queenes Maiestie of one third

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thirde parte of her customes and subsidies due for the same harties, for that every two harties, now paying custome but for two harties, doo by the sayde meane conteyne more then three harties, that were wont to paye custome for three harties: but also the poore Artificers, weavers, and other workemen, occupying making of the sayde harties, are litle or nothing more considered in theyr wages for the making of the said long harties: Moreover the Merchantes of Englande using the trade of buying the sayde usuall ordinarie sortes, or others, are easily eaten by and bndome by the sayde straungers, for that the sayde straungers conueying by deceit so muche of her Maiesties custome, are able by selling beyond the seas, vnder the Englyshe Merchantes price, to dyvye al the Englyshe Merchantes to losse, and Englyshe subiectes makers of ordinarie harties, are by the sayde subtil advantage dyvuen from theyr trade, and lykely to be shortly enforced to chaunge theyr Loumes, Wylles, and other instrumentes, for that no other sorte of harties, in respecte of the gayne in discearing her Maiestie, are likely to be usually bought: whiche new deuise is to the great defrauding of her Maiestie, to the bnding of her subiectes the Englyshe Merchantes, and the clothiers using the making of harties, and of an infinite number of poore families susteyned by workmanshpy about the same.

Be it therefore enacted by the Queenes highnesse, the Lordes Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, that from and after the feast of Saint Bartholomewe the Apostle next ensuing, it shal not be lawfull for any person or persons, using, or that shal use the trade of making of harties, to make or cause to be made any harties of the sorte called ordinarie harties, or any sortyng harties, or any other harties, by what name or names so ever they be called, above the length of eyghtene yardes at the most, to be measured by yarde and inch being redy made: but that all harties shalbe made of the sayde usual lengths, and accordyng to the proportion of weyght limited by the statute in that behalf made and provided the fourth and fiftieth yeres of the reignes of the late kyng Philip and Queene Marie, bypon payne that every person or persons, that shal make, or cause to be made anye suche hartie or harties, of more or greater length then eyghtene yardes, shall for everye suche hartie .xl.s. the one moitie wherof shalbe to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, and the other moitie to hym or them that wyl sue for the same, by bill, paynt, or information in any of the Queenes Maiesties Courtes

of recorde, wherein no essotigne, protection, or wager of lawe, for the defendaunt shalbe admitted or allowed.

Provided, that yf any karsie or karsies, beyng purposely made to conteyne eyghtene yardes in length, and no more, shal by occasion happen to conteyne aboute eyghtene yardes, and beyng vnder nyneteene yardes in length, that the maker or makers of anye suche karsie or karsies, shall not incurre the penakie aboute conteyned, any thing before mentioned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An Acte for the continuation, explanation, persfiting, and enlargyng of diuers statutes.

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HERE in the Parliament holden vppon prorogation at Westminister the fourth day of februarye, in the xiiii. yere of the reigne of the late kyng Henrre the eighth, one acte was there made, entituled, *An acte to continue and reuewe the acte made agaynst kylling of Calues*; and one other acte entituled, *An acte agaynst kylling of young beastes, called wapnynges.*

And where in the Session of a Parliament ended at Westminister in the fyfth day of februarye, in the fourth yere of the reigne of our late soueraigne Loude kyng Edward the sixth, one acte was made concerning the buying and selling of rother beastes: and also one other acte was then and there lykewyse made, entituled, *An acte for the buying and selling of butter and cheese.* And where also an acte was made in the fyfth Session of the Parliament holden in the fyfth yere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, entituled, *An acte for the magnyficauce and encrease of Tyllage.* And where also in the Parliament

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ment begun at Westminster, in the .xxiii. day of Januarie, in þe first yeere of the reigne of the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, and there continued by prorogation vntill the dissolution thereof, one acte was then and there made, entituled, *In acte for the preservation of sparwe and frye of fishe*. And where also in the first session of the Parliament begunne and holden at Westminster, in the fyfth yeere of the reigne of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes maiestie that now is, and from thence continued by prorogation vntill the dissolution thereof, one acte was then and there made, entituled, *An act for the auoiding of diuers forraigne wares, made by handicraftes men beyond the seas: and one other acte entituled, In acte for the punishment of such persons as should procure or commit any wilful perjury: which actes were limited to endure to the end of the next Parliament*. And where also in the last session of the same Parliament, holden by prorogation at Westminster, in the eight yeere of the reigne of the Queenes most excellent maiestie that now is, one acte was then and there made, entituled, *An acte for Bowyers, and the prices of bowes, & was made to continue to the end of the first session of the next Parliament: and also one other acte was then made, entituled, In act for the preservation of graine: All whiche seuerall actes and statutes were made to continue but for certayne tymes: and al whiche actes made in the sayde fourth yeere of king Edward the sixth, and of the said first, sixth, and eight yeeres of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, were at the last parliament holden at Westminster the seconde day of April, in the thirteenth yeere of the reigne of our said Soueraigne Lady the queenes maiestie, made to continue & stand in force vnto the end of the next Parliament then next folowing. And where also in the parliament begunne and holden at Westminster the seconde day of April, in the thirteenth yeere of the reigne of our said Soueraigne Lady the Queene, one acte and statute was then & there made, for the auoiding and abolishing of fained, couenous, and fraudulent testaments, gistes, graunts, alienations, conueyances, bondes, suites, iudgements, and executions, entituled, *An act against fraudulent deedes, gistes, grauntes, alienations*. &c. whiche acte and statute was then made to endure vnto the ende of the first session of the next Parliament, as by the sayd act more playnely wyl appeare. And where also in the sayde Parliament begunne and holden at Westminster in the sayde second day of April, there was also one other act and statute made for the auoiding of some lesles in certaine*

cases to be made of ecclesiastical promotions with cure, entitled, *An act touching leases of benefices, & other Ecclesiastical livings with cure, which act was lyke wyse made to continue to the ende of the next Parliament.* And where also there was one other act and statute made in the said parliament begunne and holden at westminster the sayd seconde day of April, in the sayd thirtieth yeere, entitled, *An acte that Puruepours may take graine, corne, or victualles within fīue miles of Cambridge and Oxforde in certayne cases, whiche acte was made like wyse to continue to the last day of the next parliament.*

And where in the statute made in the thirtieth yeere of the Queenes maiesties raigne, entitled, *An act for the reuiving & continuance of certayne statutes,* is cōtēined one prouiso, that the sayd act concerning the auoyding of forraigne wares made by handycraftes men beyonde the seas, or any clause, article, or meanyng therein contēned, shoulde not in any wyse extend or be prejudicial to any entercourse, or treatise of any entercourse then standing in force, had or made betweene the progenitours of the Queenes Maiestie, or her highnesse, & any others. Nowe for good consyderations, and specially that straungers may not be at libertie, and the Queenes Maiesties natural subiectes restrained: be it enacted that the sayd prouiso, and every clause, article, and matter therein contēned, shal from hencefoorth be repelled, and utterly voyde.

Provided also, and be it enacted, that these woordes (so soone as it, or any part therof, shal come to any possession or vse aboue forbidden, or) which woordes are contēned in the sayd statute made in the said thirtieth yeere, touching leases of benefices, and other Ecclesiastical livings with cure, shal not be reuived by this act, but remaine discontinued, and shal from hencefoorth be omitted out of the sayd acte, any thyng in the sayde acte, or in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And where sundry euyl disposed persons haue defrauded the true meanyng of the sayde last mentioned statute, made in the sayd. xiiii. yeere, by bondes and covenantes of suffering other persons to enioy Ecclesiastical livings, and the fruites therof, for that such bondes and covenantes are not in law taken to be leases, although in deed they amount to as much: be it therefore enacted, that al bondes, contractes, promyses, & covenantes hereafter to be made, for suffering or permitting any person to enioy any benefice, or Ecclesiastical promotion with cure, or to take profites or fruites thereof, other then such bondes and covenantes,

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couenauntes, as shalbe made for assurance of any lease heretofore made, shalbe to all intentes and purposes adiudged of suche force and validitie, and not otherwise, as leases by the same persons made of such benefices and Ecclesiastical promotions with cure.

And be it further declared and enacted, that all leases, bondes, promises, and couenauntes, of and concerning benefices & Ecclesiastical livings with cure, to be made by any curate, shalbe of none other, nor better force, validite, or continuance, then if the same had ben made by the beneficed person him selfe, that demised, or shal demise the same to any such Curate.

And where in one other act made in the said thirtieth yere, entitled, An act against fraudulent giftes, to the intent to defraude the diocesan of Ecclesiastical livings, & for leases to be granted by collegiat churches, there is one branch to avoid certayne leases to be made by maisters and felowes of Colledges, Deanes and Chapters of Cathedral or Collegiat churches, maisters or gardians of any Hospital, or by any Parson, Vicar, or any other having any spiritual or Ecclesiastical living: Be it enacted, that the sayd branch, nor any thing therein conteyned, shal not extend to any graunt, assurance, or lease of any houses belonging to any the persons, bodies politique or corporate aforesaid, nor to any groundes to such houses apperteyning, which houses be situate in any Citie, Borough, Towne corporate, or market Towne, or the suburbes of any of them, but that all such houses and groundes may be granted, demised, and assured, as by the lawes of this Realme, and the severall statutes of the said Colledges, cathedral Churches, and Hospitalles, they lawfully myght have been before the making of the sayde statute, or lawfully myght be, if the sayd statute were not: so alway that suche house be not the Capital or dwelling house bled for the habitation of the persons abovesayd, nor haue groundes to the same belonging, above the quantitie of tenne acres: any thyng in the sayde acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted, that all summes of money hereafter to be recovered, for, or in name of dilapidations, by sentence, composition, or otherwise, shal within tress yeres after such receipt, be truly employed upon the buildynges and reparations, in respects wherof such money for dilapidations shalbe paid, on paine that every person so receiving, and not employing as aforesayd, shal forfeyte double as much as so shal be by hym receyved, and not employed, the whiche forfeiture shalbe to the use of the

to appertaine to the diocesan
of the diocese

Dilapidations

Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours.

Provided alway, and be it enacted, that no lease shalbe permitted to be made by force of this act in reuertio, nor without reseruing the accustomed peereley rent at the least, nor without charging the lesles with the reparatons, nor for longer terme then fourtie peeres at the most, nor any houses shalbe permitted to be aliened, vnlesse that in recompence thereof, there shalbe afore, with, or presently after such alienation, good, lawfull, & sufficient assurance made in fee simple absolutely to such Colledges, houses, bodies politike or corporate, & theyr successours, of landes of as good value, and of as great peereley value at the least, as so shalbe aliened: any statute to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And for as muche as al the same seuerall actes and statutes, and euery of them, do seeme good, beneficial, and needeful to be further continued for the weale and profite of this Realme: Be it therfore now enacted by the queenes most excellent maiestie, with the assent of the Lordes spiritual and tempozal, & the commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by the aucthoritie of the same, that the same seuerall actes and statutes, and euery of them, and al and euery article, clause, and sentence in them and euery of them conteyned, shal continue, be, and endure in full force and effect, vntil the ende of the next Parliament.

An Acte for the repeale of *a statute made Anno.viii.of the Queenes Ma- iesties raigne, touchyng the Towne of Shrewesburie.*

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HERE at the parliament holden at Westminster the last day of September, in the eyght peere of the raigne of our soueraigne Lady the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, there was an act made, entitled, An acte touching Dyapers, Cottoners, & fryzers, in the towne of Shrewesburie, in the Countie of Salop: and in the same

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same acte there is conteyned matter then supposed for the benefite of the sayd towne of Shrewesburie, in aduauuncyng the coporation of Drapers, Cottoners, and Frizers of the sayd towne. And it was thereby enacted, that from and after the feast of Easter, then next ensuiing, no maner person or persons whatsoever, inhabiting and dwelling within the sayd Towne of Shrewesbury, or the liberties or franchises of the same towne, other then such as then had, or then after should serue as apprentice in the occupation or science of Drapers, or then had ben, or thereafter should be free of the sayde science or mysterie, should occupie, vse, exercise, or frequent the said trade, art, mysterie, or science of buying of the said welthe cloth, or lining, cottons, frizes, or plaines: nor haue any factor or dooer for him or them in the same, nor by any colour, engin, or fraud, buy any of the sayd frizes, linynges, cottons, & playnes, vpon payne that euery person & persons inhabiting as is aforesayd, and occuppyng, vsyng, or exercising the sayde trade, arte, mysterie, occupation, or science of buying of welthe clothes and linyngs. &c. and not aucthorized by the act, should lose and forfeite for euery peece of the said clothes bought, sixe shyllinges and eyght pence.

And where sithens the making of the sayde acte, experience hath playnely taught in the sayd Towne, that the sayd act hath not onely not brought the good effecte that then was hoped and surmised, but also hath been, and nowe is lykely to be the very greatest cause of the impouerishing & vndoing of the poore artificers and other, at whose suite the said act was procured, for that there be now sithens the making of the sayd statute, much fewer persons to set them a worke, then before: and by restrayning al other inhabitours of the said Towne of Shrewesbury, from the former lawfull trade euer heretofore vsed of buying of welthe clothes, frizes, cottons, linynges, and playnes (leauing the same neuerthelesse free for all the subiectes of Englande without any restraint, sauyng for the said inhabitauntes of the Towne of Shrewesbury, and the liberties & franchises of the same towne only) hath ben the euident occasion of great decay, not onely to the sayd towne, and the liberties and franchises of the same, but also to a great and infinite number of poore people in North Wales, that is to say, in the countie of Mountgomery, Denbigh, Merionneth, and also the towne of Oswestry, and the greatest parte of the countrey there aboutes, where the sayd welthe clothes, frizes, cottons, linynges, and playnes are made and solde, which were moont to be maynteyned and re-
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lied by trade of making oꝝ wooꝝhyng of the sayd fryzes, cottons, &c. contrary to the expectation that then was wrongfully conceived.

Be it therefore, at the humble suite of the inhabitantes of the sayde Towne, and also of the sayd artificers, foꝝ whose benefite the sayde act was supposed to be provided, enacted, that the said act, and al the matter in the sayd act contained, shal from hencefoꝝth be repealed and made voyde : any thyng in the sayde act to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that to muche of the sayde statute of the eight yeere of our soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, and euery article and branch therein conteyned, as toucheth the present and redy payment of money to Shermen, Cottoners, and fryzers, foꝝ their wooꝝke, and also as toucheth the restraynt of suche as shall, oꝝ doo occupie oꝝ vse the trade of buyng of fryzes, cottons, oꝝ plaines, from the vse oꝝ exercise of the facultie of frizing oꝝ cottoning, shall stande and be in force : any thyng in this statute to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An acte for the annexing of Hexam and Hexamshire, to the Countie of Northumber- lande.

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Here for the space of diuers
yeres now past, the queene her high-
ness, and her most noble and dearely
beloued father king Henry theight,
king Edward the sixth her highnes
brother, queene Mary her late sister,
as in theight of the imperial crown
of this realme of Englande, by rea-
son of one exchaunge had and passed
betweene the saide late king Henry
theight,

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thought, and the late reuerend father Robert Archbishop of Yorke, in the yeere of the most noble raigne of the sayde late kyng Henry, haue ben, and her Maiestie yet is sealed of and in the franchise and libertie of Hexam and Hexamshire, lying within the bodie and middle of the Countie of Northumberlande, whiche sayde libertie and territorie, when it was in the handes of the sayde Archbishop, was commonly tearmed and named a Countie Palentine, where in ryght or prooofe there was none suche, yet by reason of that error, euer since, and yet, there hath been, and are diuers opinions, besydes some question and doubttes, whether the sayde libertie and territorie of Hexam and Hexamshire, shoulde and ought to be part of the sayde Countie of Northumberlande, or otherwys exempted: and whether the dwellers and inhabytours there, shoulde and ought to be iustifiable. and answere to iustice as other of the sayde countie of Northumberlande are, and ought, or not: and the like question and doubt yet is, and remayneth. By reason whereof, not onely Pleees of the Crowne, and suites betwixt partie and partie, haue suffered continual stayes, lets, and also haue had no ende of tryal, and besides, the most and greatest offendours to the crowne and their countrey, haue, and dayly run thither as vnto a sanctuarie, vpon hope and trust of refuge and safegard thereby, to the great comfort and encouragement of many, the vilest and worst subiectes and offendours in all the North parties, and to the great offence of the almyghtie, and most manifest hinderance of good execution of lawes and iustice. In and for due remedie and redresse of suche great enormities & apparaunt mischieues, may it therefore please the Queene her Maiestie, that by her hyghnes, the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the commons in this present high court of Parliament now assembled, that it may be enacted, manifested, and declared by auctoritie of the same, that the sayde territorie, franchise, and libertie of Hexam and Hexamshire, with the liberties of the same, may be, is, and shalbe from hencefoorth taken to be within, and part, parcell, and member of the sayde countie of Northumberlande. And that aswel the Pleees of the Crowne, as also al suites betwixt partie and partie, may proceed and haue their due ende and tryall within the sayde countie of Northumberlande, by and before the Shyriffe and Coroners of the sayde Shire, and also before the Iustices of peace, Iustices of gaole deliuerie, Iustices of assise, Nisi prius, Oyer and determiner, and other officers, and eche and every of them, as the case shall require, and take effectes, as any of the lyke haue been, or ought to be, which haue hapned, or shall hereafter happen within the sayde countie of Northumberlande:

lande: and that from hencefoorth the Shirishe and other officers of the Countie of Northumberlande, for the tyme beyng, may haue full power and aucthoritie to execute his or their office, and all processe to hym or them directed within Heram and Heramshire, and liberties of the same, in as ample and large manner, as he or they may, shoulde, or ought to doo, within any other parte of the sayde Countie of Northumberlande: any graunt, priuiledge, custome, vsage, libertie, or thing els whatsoever heretofore made, claymed, vsed, had, put in vse or execution, or enioyed, to the contrary, notwithstanding. Sauyng to the Baylishe of the liberties, or other officers of the sayde Towne of Heram and Heramshire, or the liberties thereof, all liberties and priuiledges for executing of processe, returne of writtes, and otherwise, as they or any of them of ryght ought to haue before the making of this acte.

A Table of certayne actes passed Anno. xiiii.

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An acte for the assurance of gyftes, grauntes, &c. made, and to be made for the reliefe of the poore in Hospitals. &c.

An acte for the assurance of certayne landes, and tenementes, accordyng to the meaning of Syr Thomas and Syr William Woodhouse, Rynghes, for the benefite of certayne infanten.

An acte for the continuance of the tynning of plimmed marble, in the countie of Kent, beyng surrounded.

An acte for the better and further assurance of certayne landes, and tenementes, to the mayntenance of the free Grammar scoole of Tunbridge, in the countie of Kent.

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